

# Things To Do Within 100 Miles of Barstow

Courtesy of Route 66 Mother Road Museum, Barstow CA

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1	<b><u>Afton Canyon Natural Area</u></b>  Bureau of Land Management 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311 (760) -252-6000	The Mojave River flows above ground in the Afton Canyon area. Sometimes called the "Grand Canyon of the Mojave," it is considered a good spot for bird and wildlife viewing. Kit Carson, Jedediah Smith, & John Charles Fremont are some of the early western explorers who passed through the area. The historic Mojave Road is nearby.  The <u>Route 66 Mother Road Museum</u> in Barstow has numerous books for sale on areas to explore, such as canyons, rock formations, intaglios, etc.	35 miles	Check with the Bureau of Land Management office in Barstow for up-to-date info. <a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/index.html">http://www.blm.gov/ca/index.html</a>  <i>Road conditions can change from deep sand in summer to mud and washed-out sections after rain. Avoid canyons during thunderstorms due to possible violent flash floods. Plan accordingly, as no food, water or gasoline may be available for miles. Always notify someone of your plans. Cell phones do not always work in remote areas.</i>
2	<b><u>Amboy, CA</u></b> Historic Route 66  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amboy Crater</li> <li>Roy's Café</li> </ul>	Amboy Crater is a cinder cone from an ancient volcano. The Crater is on BLM land, and has a graded dirt road leading to the base of the crater. Hiking trail leads to top of crater; allow 2-3 hours round trip to hike. Picnic tables and vault toilets are available. Best times to view: during spring wildflower bloom, early morning, or late afternoon.  Historic Roy's Café is a 1940s café, 1930s motel, and gas station on historic Route 66. Numerous photo shoots have been done in Amboy.	80 miles	<i>Avoid intense midday Summer sun at Amboy Crater.</i>  For trail & road conditions, contact the Bureau of Land Management office in Barstow. 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow CA 92311 Phone: (760)-252-6000 <a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/index.html">http://www.blm.gov/ca/index.html</a>  <i>There are no services in the town of Amboy. Plan accordingly for desert conditions; no food, water, or gasoline may be available for miles.</i>
3	<b><u>Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve</u></b> <b><u>California State Park</u></b> Lancaster Road (15 miles west of Route 14) Lancaster, CA 93536 (661)-724-1180	This 1,745-acre reserve, 15 miles west of Lancaster, CA, is considered the state's most consistent poppy-bearing land. Owl's clover, lupine, goldfield, cream cups, and coreopsis wildflowers mingle with the poppies, the California state flower.	115 miles	<a href="http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=627">http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=627</a>  Wildflowers bloom March through May. Peak blooming is usually in mid-April. Call first or check the California State Parks website above for updates, as some years there is not enough precipitation for a flower bloom.
4	<b><u>Bagdad Café</u></b> (Formerly called the Sidewinder Café) Newberry Springs, CA 92365	An old Route 66 café, located in Newberry Springs. It was the inspiration for the film <u>Bagdad Café</u> . A few miles to the east, is where the original town of Bagdad once stood. Nothing remains of the town today.	22 miles	
5	<b><u>Big Bear Discovery Center</u></b> North Shore Drive (Highway 38) Big Bear Lake, CA (909)-382- 2790	The Big Bear Discovery Center has information on hiking, biking and camping in the San Bernardino Mountains and National Forest. It also has rotating exhibits on wildflowers, wildlife, and history. There are views of the lake and mountains from the observation deck.	80 miles	Call or check San Bernardino National Forest website for Visitor Center hours.  <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/contact/fawnskin.shtml">http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/contact/fawnskin.shtml</a>
6	<b><u>Borax Visitor Center</u></b> Rio Tinto Borax Group 14485 Borax Road Boron, CA  Visitor Center: (760)-762-7588	Borax deposits were discovered in Boron CA in 1925. The Visitor Center for the Rio Tinto Borax Mine overlooks the largest open-pit mine in California. It contains one of the biggest and richest deposits of borax on earth, and supplies nearly half the world's demand for refined borates. DIRECTIONS: From Route 58, exit at Borax Road. Follow Borax Road to the main gate. <a href="http://www.borax.com/borax6.html">http://www.borax.com/borax6.html</a>	45 miles	Normal hours of operation are seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding major holidays and weather permitting. Email: <a href="mailto:visitor.center@borax.com">visitor.center@borax.com</a> or call (760) 762-7588. Admission: Motorcycles: \$2.00, Automobiles: \$3.00, Buses \$12.00
7	<b><u>Elmer Long's Bottle Forest</u></b> National Old Trails Highway (Route 66) between Helendale and Oro Grande, CA	Elmer Long has been collecting bottles in the desert since childhood, and has turned them into an eclectic forest of bottle trees. Elmer & his bottle forest have been on HGTV.	20 miles (Approx.)	<a href="http://bottletreeman.blogspot.com/">http://bottletreeman.blogspot.com/</a> Approximately 9 miles north of Victorville between Oro Grande and Helendale/Silver Lakes on National Old Trails Highway (Rte 66).  <i>This is a private residence. Please be respectful.</i>

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8	<b><u>Calico Early Man Archeological Site</u></b> Off I-15, Minneola Rd. exit, Barstow, CA	Archaeologist Louis Leakey was the director of this site/camp from 1963 until his death in 1972. Excavations continue here at his old camp, which has a visitor center and museum.	15 miles	15 miles northeast of Barstow. The BLM Barstow Field Office website has additional information.
9	<b><u>Calico Ghost Town</u></b> 36600 Ghost Town Rd. P.O. Box 638 Yermo, CA 92398 (760) – 254-2122 1-800-TO-CALICO	Calico is a former mining town, founded in March 1881, and preserved by Walter Knott, of Knott’s Berry Farm. It is a San Bernardino CA County Park. One third of the town is original, and the rest is reconstructed.	17 miles	<a href="http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/parks/calico.htm">http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/parks/calico.htm</a>  Northeast of Barstow. Take the Ghost Town Road Exit from Interstate 15 in Yermo, CA.  Campground, camping trails & bunkhouse.
10	<b><u>California Route 66 Museum</u></b> 16825 D Street Victorville, CA (760)-951-0436	Historical exhibits, contemporary gallery, research library, travel information and gift shop on historic Route 66.	32 miles	Hours: Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat, 10 am – 4 pm Sunday: 11 am – 3 pm Tuesday & Wednesday by appointment <a href="http://www.califrt66museum.org/">http://www.califrt66museum.org/</a>
11	<b><u>Historic Daggett</u></b> Daggett, CA 92327	The National Old Trails Highway (Route 66) goes through this historic Mojave Desert town. Daggett was once home to naturalist John Muir’s daughter. Death Valley Scotty and “Borax” Smith were regular visitors to the (remains) Stone Hotel located on Santa Fe Street.	10 miles	<i>Most historic buildings are privately owned and not open to the public. Please respect private property. For a printable driving tour and map, go to:</i> <a href="http://www.route66museum.org/id8.html">http://www.route66museum.org/id8.html</a>
12	<b><u>Desert Discovery Center</u></b> 831 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311 (760) – 252-6060	Some of the displays include: extinct animal tracks, the famous Old Woman Meteorite, paleontology and geology.	1 mile	The Desert Discovery Center is now staffed by the Bureau of Land Management. Call for Hours <a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/meteorite.html">http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/meteorite.html</a>
13	<b><u>Devil’s Punchbowl L.A. County Park</u></b> 28000 Devil’s Punchbowl Rd Pearblossom, CA 93553	Devil’s Punchbowl is a 1,310-acre park, with unusual rock formations, one mile from the San Andreas fault. Hiking, geology walks, reptile programs, and a small nature center.	70 miles	Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset Visitor Center: Tues-Sun; 9 am – 5 pm  <a href="http://www.devils-punchbowl.com/">http://www.devils-punchbowl.com/</a>
14	<b><u>Edwards Air Force Base</u></b> Rosamond, CA	Edwards Air Force Base is the birthplace of supersonic flight and where Captain Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager broke through the sound barrier in the Bell X-1.  Tour generally includes: 90-minute walking tour of the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center, presentation at the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum, and windshield tour of the Edwards Air Force Base flight line. Availability fluctuates with base alert levels.	85 miles	General Public Tours are offered twice a month; usually on Fridays, but, not always. They begin at 9 a.m. and end around 1 p.m (Security conditions and missions permitting). <b>Advance Reservations are required.</b> See website below for info.  <a href="http://www.edwards.af.mil/questions/topic.asp?id=812">http://www.edwards.af.mil/questions/topic.asp?id=812</a>
15	<b><u>Fort Irwin National Training Center &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment Museum</u></b> Fort Irwin CA 92310 (760) 380-6607	The museum focuses on the history of Fort Irwin from 1844 to the present and 11 <sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment from 1901 to the present.	34 miles	<a href="http://www.museumsusa.org/museums/info/1152778">http://www.museumsusa.org/museums/info/1152778</a>
16	<b><u>The Goffs Schoolhouse</u></b> 37198 Lanfair Road - G15 Essex, California 92332 Phone (760) -733-4482	In 1998, The Mojave Desert Heritage & Cultural Association restored the one-room mission style schoolhouse to its original configuration, and it is on the National Register of Historic Places. The schoolhouse is one of a few remaining structures in the community of Goffs on the original 1926 alignment of Route 66.	121 miles	The Goffs Schoolhouse is located near the intersection of Goffs and Lanfair Road and is <i>open by appointment only</i> . Hosted by the Mojave Desert Heritage and Cultural Association. For additional information: <a href="http://www.mdhca.org/">http://www.mdhca.org/</a> Or call (760) -733-4482 to schedule an appt.

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17	<b><u>Goldstone Deep Space Network Tracking Station</u></b> On the Ft. Irwin Military Base 35 miles from Barstow, CA	Public Tours are available of the Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex. Tour begins at the Goldstone museum with displays on current and past missions, Deep Space Network history, and a hands-on room for children. A guided tour travels around the 53-square-mile complex to view the large antennas. <b>All tours must be scheduled in advance.</b>	35 miles	Approx. 35 miles north of Barstow on the Ft. Irwin Military Base. Advance reservations required. A <i>valid driver's license, vehicle registration and current proof of insurance are required to enter Fort Irwin. All adults on tour must carry a current photo I.D.</i> For further information, or to book a tour, call: (760)-255-8688 or go to the website: <a href="http://deepspace.jpl.nasa.gov/dsn/features/goldstonetours.html">http://deepspace.jpl.nasa.gov/dsn/features/goldstonetours.html</a>
18	<b><u>Harper Dry Lake</u></b> Harper Lake Road Off Route 58 near Hinckley, CA	Harper Dry Lake Wildlife Viewing Area was created in 2003 by pumping water into Harper Dry Lake by the Bureau of Land Management to create a marshy area as a wildlife oasis. The marshy area is approximately 60 acres.  Plans call for boardwalks, concrete benches, trails and a kiosk with information about the site. There is a vault restroom at the site.	30 miles	The Bureau of Land Management manages this area. For additional information, contact:  Bureau of Land Management 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311 (760) -252-6000  <a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/harper.html">http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/harper.html</a>
19	<b><u>Holcomb Valley Gold Road</u></b> Begin at: Big Bear Discovery Center North Shore Dr. (Rte 38) Fawnskin, CA 92333 Phone: (909)-382-2790	A 3-4 hour, 12-mile historical driving tour on dirt roads, takes you past remains of 1860s mining camps, including a Hangman's tree, the Metzger mine, and the spot where the town of Belleville stood.	80 miles	Start at the Big Bear Discovery Center, and pick up a map of the Gold Road. You will also need an Adventure Pass. Check with the staff on road conditions, as certain times of the year may require high-clearance, 4WD. <a href="http://www.bigbeardiscoverycenter.com/">http://www.bigbeardiscoverycenter.com/</a>
20	<b><u>The Hesperia Zoo</u></b> 19038 Willow Street, Hesperia, CA 92345  (760) 948-9430	Established by Stephanie Taunton in 2001, The Hesperia Zoo is the only zoo in the High Desert. The zoo is an ever growing project to educate visitors on conservation. They are an interactive guided tour.	45 miles	From the I-15 Freeway take Hesperia/Main St. Exit Go East 7 miles to Peach Ave turn left Take Peach to Willow Street turn right Follow Willow Street to the zoo on the Left. Address: 19038 Willow Street, Hesperia, CA 92345 The parking lot is the second entrance on the left next to the Zoo sign. Enter through the gift shop door. <a href="http://www.thehesperiazoo.com">http://www.thehesperiazoo.com</a>
21	<b><u>Joshua Tree National Park</u></b>	Two deserts meet in this park; the lower Colorado Desert and the higher Mojave Desert. Joshua Tree became a national monument in 1936, and a national park in 1994. Rock climbing, camping and stargazing are popular activities.	128 miles	Visitor centers are <u>usually</u> open daily, 8 am – 4 pm. Call or check website for current hours. Tours of the Keys Ranch are by reservation only. They are conducted by park rangers and are very interesting! Call (760)-367-5555 to book tours. Additional info: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/jotr/">http://www.nps.gov/jotr/</a>
22	<b><u>Kelso Depot Mojave National Preserve</u></b> Kelso, CA	Kelso Depot is an historic railroad depot, built in 1923 by the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad (now Union Pacific) as a combination depot, employees boarding and rooming house, and restaurant for employees and passengers. The depot has been restored and is now the information center for the Mojave National Preserve. It houses a museum, historically furnished rooms, a theater, and bookstore.	103 miles	Restrooms and water are available at Kelso Depot. <u>Gasoline is not available.</u> Hours: Daily 9-5, Closed Christmas Day. Phone: (760)-252-6108. <a href="http://www.nps.gov/moja/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm">http://www.nps.gov/moja/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm</a>
23	<b><u>Kern County Museum</u></b> Kern County Museum 3801 Chester Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 852-5000	The Kern County Museum is on a 16-acre site north of downtown Bakersfield. The museum features 56 historic exhibits, many in relocated structures, and an award winning hands-on oil exhibition, Black Gold: The Oil Experience.	129 miles	Check their website or call for hours of operation. Admission. <a href="http://www.kcmuseum.org/">http://www.kcmuseum.org/</a>
24	<b><u>Las Vegas Nevada</u></b>	Gambling, casinos, restaurants, adult entertainment.	150 miles	
25	<b><u>Mitchell Caverns</u></b> Essex, CA	Mitchell Caverns is a California State Park located within the Providence Mountains State Recreation Area, which is located within The Mojave National Preserve.	105 miles	<a href="http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=615">http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=615</a> Above website opening page reads: <b>Providence Mountains will be closed until further notice. All tours of Mitchell Caverns are suspended until further notice.</b>

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26	<b><u>Mojave National Preserve</u></b> Kelso, CA	Kelso Depot is in the middle of the Mojave National Preserve. It is a restored historic Railroad depot that is now the information center for the National Preserve. It contains a museum, historically furnished rooms, a theater, and bookstore. Nearby is Kelso Dunes (8 miles south of Kelso on Kelbaker Road, then 3 miles west.) They are "booming dunes," meaning they produce a low rumbling sound when sand particles slide. You can initiate the sound by running down the dunes.  Teutonia Peak Trail is a 2-mile round-trip trail leading through a Joshua tree forest.	103 miles to Kelso	Restrooms and water are available at Kelso Depot. <u>Gasoline is not available.</u>  <i>Plan accordingly for desolate areas, as no food, water or gasoline may be available for miles. Always notify someone of your plans. Cell phones don't always work in remote areas.</i>  Restrooms and water are available at Kelso Depot. <u>Gasoline is not available.</u> Hours: Daily 9-5, Closed Christmas Day. Phone: (760)-252-6108. <a href="http://www.nps.gov/moja/playourvisit/visitorcenters.htm">http://www.nps.gov/moja/playourvisit/visitorcenters.htm</a>
27	<b><u>Mojave River Valley Museum</u></b> 270 E. Virginia Way Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 256-5452	The museum has numerous displays and exhibits on the history of the Mojave River Valley from the arrival of Father Garces in 1776 through pathfinders, pioneers, miners, railroads and the present space program. The museum also has an archive of local area newspapers dating back to 1911, and an extensive photo collection containing over 20,000 photos.	1.5 miles	Open every day, except Christmas from 11 am to 4 pm Free Admission <a href="http://mojaverivervalleymuseum.org/">http://mojaverivervalleymuseum.org/</a>  Phone: 760-256-5452
28	<b><u>Mormon Rocks</u></b> Cajon Junction, CA  (From the junction of I-15 & Highway 138, head west.)	The Cajon ("Box") Pass is where the San Gabriel and the San Bernardino Mountain ranges overlap. Mormon pioneers traveled through this area in the 1850s looking for a smoother route from the Mojave Desert to the San Bernardino Valley. The Rocks or hogbacks stand above the floor of the Cajon Wash. A 1/2-mile nature trail of gradual switchbacks goes through manzanita, yucca, chamise (greasewood), & sage.	53 miles	Views from the nature trail include Cajon Summit area, Cleghorn Ridge to the east, Ralston Peak to the southeast, Upper Lytle Creek Divide and Cucamonga Wilderness to the southwest, and Baldy Mesa is north beyond the Mormon Rocks.  U. S. Forest Service <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sbnf/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=26543&amp;actid=50">http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sbnf/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=26543&amp;actid=50</a>
29	<b><u>Off Highway Vehicle Areas</u></b> Bureau of Land Management 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311 (760) -252-6000	<u>Off Highway Vehicle Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stoddard Valley</li> <li>• Johnson Valley</li> <li>• El Mirage</li> <li>• Dumont Dunes</li> </ul> The <u>Route 66 Mother Road Museum</u> in Barstow has numerous books for sale in its gift shop on areas to explore such as abandoned town sites, canyons, rock formations, etc	Various  Check with the BLM for further info.	Bureau of Land Management for up-to-date information on conditions. <i>Plan accordingly for desolate areas, as no food, water or gasoline may be available for miles. Always notify someone of your plans. Cell phones don't always work in remote areas.</i>  <a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html">http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html</a>
30	<b><u>Peggy Sue's Nifty Fifties Diner</u></b> I-15 at Ghost Town Road Exit Yermo, CA Phone: (760) 254-3370	50s style diner serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Features include soda fountain, pizza parlor, burgers, steaks, homemade chili & soups, old fashion candy, and 50s music.	8 miles	I-15 at Ghost Town Road Exit  With advance notice, Peggy Sue's easily accommodates large groups. Call: (760) 254-3370 <a href="http://www.peggy-suesdiner.com/">http://www.peggy-suesdiner.com/</a>
31	<b><u>Petroglyphs Tour on China Lake Naval Weapons Base</u></b> <i>Tours are set up with:</i> <b><u>Maturango Museum</u></b> 100 E. Las Flores Ave. Ridgecrest, CA 93555 (760) 375-6900 Ridgecrest, CA	The Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest has docent-led hikes into a canyon on the China Lake Naval Weapons Base. The canyons on the naval base are believed to contain the largest concentration of Petroglyphs in the western hemisphere. The Navy strictly limits access to the Little Petroglyph Canyon. Tours are offered through the Maturango Museum.	83 miles	Maturango Museum Hours: 10-5 every day, except major holidays.  <a href="http://www.maturango.org/">http://www.maturango.org/</a>  The Petroglyphs tour must be arranged 14 days in advance so the Navy can verify citizenship.
32	<b><u>Rainbow Basin National Natural Landmark</u></b> Bureau of Land	Rainbow Basin, a national natural landmark managed by the Bureau of Land Management, is an area of badlands that folded and faulted leaving colored rock strata that eroded to create small ravines & pinnacles. Great time to view: spring when wildflowers & cactus	8 miles	Graded dirt road leads to the campground with covered concrete tables, fire rings, grills, & vault toilets. <u>Bring drinking water with you.</u> Only vehicles less than 25 feet long are permitted on the 4-mile loop road.

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	Management 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311 (760)-252-6000	are in bloom, and early morning or late afternoon.		BLM website: <a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/basin.html">http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/basin.html</a>
33	<b><u>Rand Mining District</u></b>  Randsburg, CA	The living ghost town of Randsburg is located in the Rand Mining District, a gold & silver mining area in the Mojave Desert. Remains of mining operations are everywhere. There are also antique shops, and a general store.	62 miles	<i>Exercise Caution -- Old mining operations can be dangerous.</i> <a href="http://www.randdesertmuseum.com/home">http://www.randdesertmuseum.com/home</a> <a href="http://randsburg.com/">http://randsburg.com/</a>
34	<b><u>Route 66 Mother Road Museum</u></b> In the Historic Harvey House 681 N. First Avenue Barstow, CA. 92311 (760)-255-1890	The Route 66 Mother Road Museum is located in the historic Harvey House, a 1911 hotel, restaurant, and train depot. Route 66 is ½ mile from the museum.  The Museum's gift shop carries an extensive number of books and Route 66 items.	***	<a href="http://www.route66museum.org/">http://www.route66museum.org/</a>  Free Admission.  Hours: Friday to Sunday, 11 am - 4 pm. Call to arrange other hours.
35	<b><u>Santa Monica Pier</u></b> The end of Route 66 at the Pacific Ocean	The "finish line" of Route 66. Activities include: beach, an aquarium, arcade, historic carousel, restaurants, gift shops, & Pacific Park amusement park.	132 miles	<a href="http://www.santamonicapier.org/">http://www.santamonicapier.org/</a>
36	<b><u>Skyline Drive In</u></b> 31175 Highway 58 Barstow, CA 92311 (760) – 256-3333	Drive In movie theater. Opened in 1966 Closed in 1987 Reopened in 1996 Added second screen in 2000	3 miles	Open all year. Call (760)-256-3333 for show times.
37	<b><u>Take a Hike</u></b>	The <u>Route 66 Mother Road Museum</u> has a number of books for sale on hiking in Southern California. The BLM office in Barstow & the Mojave National Preserve are other sources of information for hikes in the Mojave desert and canyons.	Various	<i>Do not hike without appropriate gear, food and water. Inform a responsible person of your plans.</i>  <a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html">http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html</a>
38	<b><u>Tanger Outlet Shopping</u></b> 2796 Tanger Way Barstow, CA 92311	Outlet shopping 7 miles from the <u>Route 66 Mother Road Museum</u> . Stores include: Bass Shoes, Coach, Gap, Michael Kors, Maidenform, Nautica, Polo, Reebok, and more.	7 miles	I-15 at Lenwood Road or Outlet Center Drive 9 am – 8 pm. Closed Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas. (800)-409-3175 or (760)-253-4813 For a full list of stores, see: <a href="http://www.tangeroutlet.com/barstow">http://www.tangeroutlet.com/barstow</a>
39	<b><u>Tehachapi Loop</u></b> Keene, CA	The Tehachapi Loop, a 19 <sup>th</sup> Century engineering achievement, is 8 miles west of Tehachapi near Route 58. The rugged Tehachapi Mountains were in the way of a route between Bakersfield and Los Angeles. At the time, the maximum grade permitted was 2.2%. An entry tunnel was built, and the rail track was laid in a loop. Because modern freight trains are often more than a mile long, the locomotive will pass over the final cars in its own train. Passenger train service through the Loop was discontinued in 1971; only freight trains travel it now.	100 miles	This website explains The Loop. <a href="http://www.tehachapi.com/v-int.php#loop">http://www.tehachapi.com/v-int.php#loop</a>  To view trains traveling through the Loop: From Route 58 in Keene, follow sign pointing to Tehachapi Loop. You will pass "La Paz," the burial site of Cesar Chavez, and headquarters of the United Farm Workers Union. The Loop is approx 3 miles from Keene on the paved road. There is a monument along the road overlooking the Loop. Parking is off-street. "Freight schedules are not predictable, and there is no guarantee of railroad traffic frequency."
40	<b><u>Trona Pinnacles National Natural Landmark</u></b> 20 miles east of Ridgecrest CA on Highway 178, via a 3-mile dirt road.	More than 500 tufa (calcium carbonate) spires, some as high as 140 feet, rise from the bed of the Searles Dry Lake basin. The Trona Pinnacles have been seen in a number of commercials, films, and still-photo shoots. One of the more famous movies featuring the Pinnacles was <u>Star Trek: The Final Frontier</u> .	96 miles	The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages the Trona Pinnacles. The 3-mile graded dirt road to the Pinnacles is generally accessible to 2-wheel drive vehicles, except after rains when the road is closed to all vehicles. Current road conditions, contact the BLM office in Ridgecrest: (760) -384-5400 300 South Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. <a href="http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ridgecrest/trona.html">http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ridgecrest/trona.html</a>

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	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Approx. Distance from Mother Road Museum</u></b>	<b><u>Websites &amp; Additional Info</u></b> <i>Websites may not be updated regularly. Call ahead for current information.</i>
41	<b><u>Twenty Mule Team Museum</u></b> 26962 Twenty Mule Team Rd Boron, CA 93516 (760)-762-5810	Located in a renovated and enlarged house that once stood near a borax mine campsite. The museum also has displays on mining, and what life was like in the 1930s in the Mojave desert town of Boron. Parts of the movie <u>Erin Brockovich</u> were filmed in Boron.	40 miles	Open seven days a week: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. (Call to arrange special museum hours for groups of 10 or more.) Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. <a href="http://20muleteammuseum.com/">http://20muleteammuseum.com/</a>
42	<b><u>Victor Valley Museum &amp; Art Gallery</u></b> 11873 Apple Valley Road Apple Valley, CA 92307 (760) – 240-2111	Collections include farm and ranch implements, mounted wildlife, George Air Force Base displays and exhibits regarding cultural histories of the Victor Valley.	40 miles	Wednesday - Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm Sunday: 1 pm – 4 pm (760) – 240-2111 Check their facebook page for calendar of special events and shows. <a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Victor-Valley-Museum/115955987469">http://www.facebook.com/pages/Victor-Valley-Museum/115955987469</a>
43	<b><u>Western America Railroad Museum (W.A.R.M.)</u></b> 685 N. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street Barstow, CA 92311 (760)-256-WARM	“The museum collects preserves and shares the history of railroading in the Pacific Southwest, and provides educational forums with interpretive and historical displays that focus on both Railroad History and the development of Railroad Technology.”	Next door to Rte 66 Mother Road Museum	Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 11 am – 4 pm <a href="http://www.barstowrailmuseum.org/index.html">http://www.barstowrailmuseum.org/index.html</a>